7th Street NW

Car Free Lanes for Buses, Bikes, and Trucks

What?

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is launching three quick-build bus priority projects to help residents safely and efficiently travel everywhere they live, work, and play in the District. The 7th Street Car Free Lanes will be restricted to buses, trucks, and bicycles 24 hours a day on 7th Street NW between Massachusetts Avenue NW and Pennsylvania Avenue NW, and on G Street NW between 7th Street NW and 8th Street NW. Car Free Lanes will be designated by red paint and white bicycle shared lane markings to designate their use.

As part of the 7th Street Car Free Lanes, DDOT will create expanded sidewalks on 7th Street NW to promote social distancing for pedestrians. Designated pick-up / drop-off and commercial loading zones will be installed on the cross streets to accommodate passenger and commercial loading. The sidewalk extensions will be separated from the Car Free Lanes with flexible posts, wheel stops, or planters. Buses will continue to service all existing stops.

Why?

The 7th Street NW Car Free Lanes is part of DDOT's Bus Priority program, the Bowser Administration's initiative to enhance bus speed and reliability across all eight wards of the District. These bus priority projects are implemented quickly, require minimal design, and help address current and future needs for Metrobus and Circulator service. Dedicated bus lanes will allow WMATA and Circulator to efficiently operate their routes and help passengers to avoid crowds and maintain physical distance on buses.

When?

The Car Free Lanes will be implemented in late summer 2020. DDOT will collect data to monitor the performance of the project, including multimodal safety, bus speeds and reliability; and vehicle operations and access.







Where?

The Car Free Lanes will be located on 7th Street NW between Massachusetts Avenue NW and Pennsylvania Avenue NW and will only allow buses, bicycles, and trucks between I Street NW and Indiana Avenue NW. Right turning vehicles will be permitted to access garages north of I street NW and to access Indiana Avenue NW eastbound.

The Car Free Lanes on G Street NW between 7th Street and 8th Street NW will only allow buses, bicycles, and trucks. Sunday angled parking along G Street NW will be maintained.

Questions or Comments

For more information: ddot.dc.gov/page/bus-priority

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